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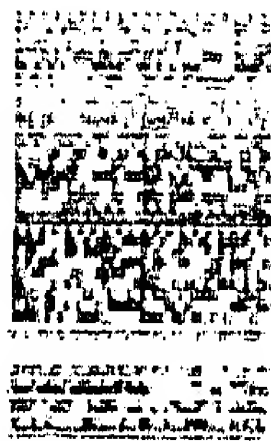
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Nathans et al.
Application No. 09/924,971
Filed: August 9, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 9520-002-64

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed November 2, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by James M. Heintz on behalf of all attorneys of record associated with Customer Number 24510. However, since the practitioners were not appointed by a Customer Number upon filing of the instant application, petitioner may not withdraw the practitioners by Customer Number.

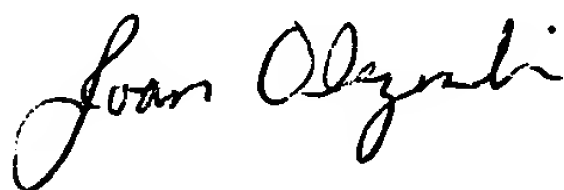
Further, although the petition is signed by the attorney of record it does not set forth a USPTO registration number. Petitioner should note that all documents submitted before the United States Patent and Trademark Office by a registered patent attorney must contain his/her registration number. Therefore, the petition is not accepted as being properly signed.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Additionally, the address given on the petition differs from the new address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Application No. 09/924,971

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joan Olszewski".

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